

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-11 are pending in the application, with claims 1, and 2 being the independent claims. Claims 12-22 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-11 are in condition for allowance. Claims 12-22 stand objected to for informalities. Claims 12-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. No. 6,307,877 to Phillips, *et al.* (hereinafter "Phillips") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,528,199 to Dunlop, *et al.* (hereinafter "Dunlop").

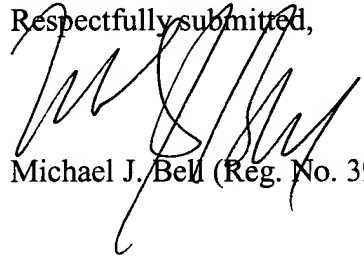
While Applicants disagree with the Examiner's rejection of claims 12-22, Applicants have cancelled claims 12-22 in the interest of advancing prosecution. Because the remaining claims (claims 1-11) have been indicated by the Examiner as being allowable, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all outstanding objections and rejections and issue a notice of allowance.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Bell', is written over the typed name.

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